

App'n No. 10/760,256
Amtd. Dated December 13, 2005
Response to Office Action of November 10, 2005

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of November 10, 2005 the Applicant submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks directed thereto.

Regarding Amendment

Claims 1-38 and 40-48 as filed are currently pending in the present application (not claims 1-49 as stated in the Office Action as claims 39 and 49 were cancelled in the Applicant's Reply to the previous Office Action), with claims 10, 11, 17-30, 33-36 and 41-47 withdrawn from consideration. In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is further amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 12 therein so as to specify that the method comprises the step of providing one or more collections of patterns from which a selection is made for printing;

dependent claim 2 is cancelled;

dependent claim 12 is cancelled in accordance with the amendment to independent claim 1;

dependent claim 38 is cancelled;

claims 3-9, 13-16, 31, 32, 37, 40 and 48 and withdrawn claims 10, 11, 17-30, 33-36 and 41-47 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding Election/Restrictions

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1 is allowable, for at least the reasons discussed below, and that amended claim 1 remains generic to each of Species 1 to 6 indicated by the Examiner in the Election/Restriction Requirement of March 23, 2005.

Regarding Claim Objections

It is respectfully submitted that above-discussed cancellation of claims 2 and 38 provides the correction required by the Examiner.

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Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, which incorporates the allowable subject matter of pending claim 12, and therefore also the subject matter of claims 3-11, 13-37 and 40-48 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Martin in view of newly cited Adams et al. (US 2004/0085288), and further in view of any of the other cited references of record, for at least the reasons given by the Examiner in the present and previous Office Actions.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections and rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

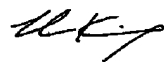
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